

Asset Stewardship Report

Report of the Chief Fire Officer

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1 Purpose of Report

This report advises the Strategy and Resources Committee of the current condition of assets owned by the Authority and changes which have occurred in the financial year 2006/07. This is a summary of information previously provided in the form of budget working papers, capital appraisals and capital budget reports, together with additional information.

2 Recommendations

The Committee is requested to note the current asset position.

3 Property

There have been no purchases or sales of land of property.

Property needs are clearly defined within an asset management plan for property and a capital investment and revenue maintenance programme has been established in support of this plan.

The Integrated Risk Management Planning process has not identified that any sites are redundant however; there is a possibility that property changes, potentially including the purchase of new sites, may be required in Shrewsbury.

There has been a further capital investment of £65,000 in property which has enabled the completion of refurbishment at Oswestry.

The capital investment has resulted in property being altered to meet our needs; however it does not affect the value of the buildings in the Authority's



asset register. All property has been re-valued as part of a regular 5-yearly programme and this has significantly changed the values within the Authority's asset register.

Maintenance expenditure continues at the agreed level of '*safe, legally compliant and no further deterioration*'. At this level there is no backlog of maintenance for these assets and the general condition continues to improve as a result of the capital investment. Refurbished stations are being maintained at this improved level.

The Shrewsbury site is in poor condition, but capital investment is being made to ensure it meets our needs until 2012.

4 Operational Vehicles

Three replacement appliances originally due for delivery in the financial year 2006/07 were delivered in July 2007. They are expected to be in use by September 2007 subject to stowage, radio installation and driver familiarisation. The leases on older appliances have been extended to cover this period.

A new Rescue Tender is currently being built and is due for delivery in November 2007.

Quotations are being obtained for three new appliances due for delivery in 2007/08, but which will not be received until at least September 2008.

These vehicles are maintained in accordance with Chief Fire Officer Association (CFOA) best practice guidance and there is no backlog of maintenance for these assets.

5 Non-Operational Vehicles

Three additional Kangoo cars have been purchased to replace the Ford Ranger station vans which will be modified to operational status and allocated to Oswestry, Tweedale and Wellington in accordance with the 2007/08 capital programme.

6 Other Assets

There have been no significant changes in our other assets.

There is no backlog of maintenance for these assets.

7 Financial Implications

This report covers the value of the Authority's assets which are reported in its asset register and its accounts.



8 Legal Comment

There are no legal implications arising directly from this report.

9 Equality Impact Assessment

This report is purely an update on Authority's assets and so the recommendations within the report have no impact on people.

10 Appendices

There are no appendices attached to this report.

11 Background Papers

Property Repair and Maintenance – Finance and Performance Management Committee 21 November 2000.

Capital Budgets 2006/07 and Projections for Later Years – CFA December 2005.

Implications of all of the following have been considered and, where they are significant (i.e. marked with an asterisk), the implications are detailed within the report itself.

Balanced Score Card		Integrated Risk Management Planning	*
Business Continuity Planning		Legal	
Capacity		Member Involvement	
Civil Contingencies Act		National Framework	
Comprehensive Performance Assessment		Operational Assurance	
Efficiency Savings		Retained	
Environmental		Risk and Insurance	
Financial	*	Staff	
Fire Control/Fire Link		Strategic Planning	
Information Communications and Technology		West Midlands Regional Management Board	
Freedom of Information / Data Protection / Environmental Information		Equality Impact Assessment	*

